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## E-Legislative Update

January 30 – February 5, 2012



January 30th will mark the beginning of the fourth week of the legislative session. Committee hearings in the House and Senate are in progress. Legislative committees are increasing in pace and the number of bills to be heard is even higher.

You have an opportunity to testify on a bill. If you cannot appear before a committee, [contact your legislator](#) making your position on a bill known. You can do so by writing a letter, sending an e-mail, calling the legislator's Olympia office, or by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

Because the state budget is an overarching issue, the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will provide updates on important milestones in budget development as well as focus on bills that impact the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the areas of education, health care, human services, economic development, and immigration. To learn more about the current budget, you can attend the House Ways & Means and Senate Finance Committee hearings.

The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will be providing information weekly through our e-legislative update and website on committee hearings, bills, and other events of interest throughout the legislative session. Our e-legislative update provides a general overview highlighting a few bills of interest to the community while our website hosts a more extensive list of bills utilizing a [bill tracking](#) feature for those community members seeking more information. Highlights from the previous week can be viewed on [TVW's](#) Legislative Review.

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Below are some scheduled meetings and hearings that might be of interest to you.

### Education

#### Higher Education

**01/30/12 1:30 pm**

House Full Committee  
House Hearing Rm C  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

**Public Hearing:** [HB 2717](#) - Creating innovations in higher education. (If measure is referred to committee.)

## **Early Learning & K-12 Education**

**01/30/12 1:30 pm**

Senate Full Committee  
Senate Hearing Rm 1  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

**Public Hearing:**

1. [SB 6314](#) - Regarding the statewide high school assessment in science.
2. [SB 6449](#) - Creating the high-quality early learning act.

## **Higher Education & Workforce Development**

**01/31/12 10:00 am**

Senate Full Committee  
Senate Hearing Rm 3  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

**Public Hearing:** [SB 6447](#) - Regarding state work-study funding.

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## **Health and Human Services**

### **Health & Long-Term Care**

**01/30/12 1:30 pm**

Senate Full Committee  
Senate Hearing Rm 4  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

**Public Hearing:**

1. [SB 6307](#) - Concerning nursing staffing practices at hospitals.
2. [SB 6241](#) - Limiting prescription drug cost-sharing obligations and out-of-pocket expenses.
3. [SB 6360](#) - Creating the Washington health care cost commission.

### **Transportation**

**1/30/12 3:30 pm**

Senate Full Committee  
Senate Hearing Rm 1  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

**Public Hearing:** [SB 6149](#) - Concerning the period of validity and renewal of drivers' licenses and identicards.

## **Human Services & Corrections**

**01/31/12 1:30 pm**

Senate Full Committee  
Senate Hearing Rm 1  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

**Public Hearing:** [SB 6462](#) - Concerning determination of income and resources for the purposes of eligibility for public assistance.

## **Environment**

**02/01/12 1:30 pm**

Senate Full Committee  
Senate Hearing Rm 4  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

**Public Hearing:** [SB 6369](#) - Protecting environmental quality and human health.

## **Health & Long-Term Care**

**2/2/12 1:30 pm**

Senate Full Committee  
Senate Hearing Rm 4  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

**Public Hearing:** Diabetes management [S-4132].

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## **Economic Development**

### **Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections**

**1/30/12 10:00 am**

Senate Full Committee  
Senate Hearing Rm 2  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

**Public Hearing:**

1. [SB 6198](#) - Centralizing the authority and responsibility for the development, process, and oversight of state procurement of goods and services.
2. [SB 6332](#) - Expanding availability of the competitive grant program for arts and cultural facilities.

### **Economic Development, Trade & Innovation**

**01/30/12 1:30 pm**

Senate Full Committee  
Senate Hearing Rm 3  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

**Public Hearing:** [SB 6327](#) - Creating a business and occupation tax exemption for new businesses.

## **Labor & Workforce Development\* - 1/30/2012 6:00 p.m.**

### **House Full Committee**

House Hearing Rm C  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [HB 2701](#) - Regarding the governor as the public employer of language access providers.
  2. [HB 2711](#) - Narrowing the definition of language access providers.
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## **Budget**

### **Ways & Means**

**2/1/12 1:30 pm**

House Full Committee  
House Hearing Rm A  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

**Public Hearing:** [HB 2607](#) - Requiring a six-year budget outlook tied to existing revenues.

Information is current as of: January 26, 2012.

To find out more information on a particular bill, please visit <http://www.leg.wa.gov>.

**CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.**

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